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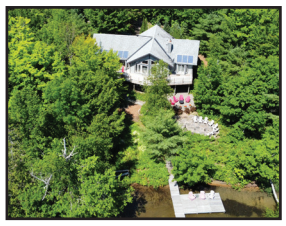

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Classrooms now are a different place where memorizing isn't a skill that has the same importance like it used to for the author. /Submitted by Janet Trull

# Memory work

**JANET TRULL**

*Special to County Life*

I love September. Asters and goldenrod in ditches. The Big Dipper hanging low in the evening sky. And school.

All summer, the playground across the street from my house was silent except for the bells, which continued to announce entry, and recess, and lunch, and dismissal. The day after Labour Day, the long lonely vigil of the brick schoolhouse ended with screams and bouncing balls and slapping skipping ropes. I couldn't be happier. New shoes, a new outfit, a new classroom, a new teacher. Our desks were bolted to the floor with seats on creaky hinges. First lesson? Sit still with hands folded, feet on the floor. There were no special bouncy balls for wiggle-bums.

If you happened to be hyperactive, you were warned by a yard stick or a piece of flying chalk or sent to the cloak room until you learned to control yourself. It was the boys who suffered more from "ants in the pants." They also failed hygiene inspections more frequently and had fewer gold stars beside their names for the Friday spelling tests. Sigh. It's a wonder any of them made it past first grade. And yet, for all their faults and weaknesses, my friends and I were fascinated by them. The way they shoved each other in line and risked losing an eye in chestnut fights. They participated in mysterious rituals over hockey cards. The big boys hunkered down behind the dumpster to smoke. In those days, teachers did not go out "on duty" at recess. They depended on "tattle-tales" (girls known as "goody-goodies") to knock at the staff room door if there was a fight or if someone cracked their head open on the pavement. Emergencies only!

September art always included a leaf collection: Maple, alder, beech, elm. We waxed them and glued them into scrapbooks. We printed our names on construction paper apples and hung them on the branches of a bulletin board tree. We each received a new box of crayons and a warning not to press too hard. They had to last until Christmas.

Literature lessons included memory work. Seasonal poems on chart paper were read chorally over and over, following the teacher's pointer. We copied them down in our notebooks and added illustrations. Each page had a title, underlined with a ruler, and the date. When it was your turn, you were required to stand at the front of the room and perform a recitation from memory.

Rachel Field wrote a poem in 1934 that still comes unbidden to me every September as soon as I hear the geese honking and flying in "V" formation. The last verse is,

*Something told the wild geese*
*It was time to fly,—*
*Summer sun was on their wings,*
*Winter in their cry.*

These days, I am less nostalgic about the geese heading south. Quite frankly, I am glad to see the end of them and their slimy green excrement. I wouldn't be sad if they stayed in Florida. Still, it seems a shame that the days of memory work are all but over. We have outsourced our memory to Google.

I hope this is a year of better health and joyful learning for all school children. I hope they have the old-fashioned opportunity to memorize their times tables, the provinces of Canada, the continents, the oceans, and the planets. But most of all, I hope they learn a lovely poem by heart. My mother, deep in the confusion of Alzheimers, can recite some verses from her school days, and the accomplishment still makes her smile.


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# Glad to be home

**LAURIE JONES**

*Curator, Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre*

I am scarcely back from holidays and am already feeling a bit guilty at having shown my privilege by tuning out for a few days. Here is a brief account of what I did on my summer holiday this year:

My husband and I share an interest in residential buildings and their construction. It forms the backbone of short trips that start with research about the designer/architect, a hurried online search that ends in, "Give me your credit card and I will book a room now," a mislaid passport or travel document, rummaging in the maps drawer for a reasonably current, detailed map, route negotiations (apparently I have "no sense of direction whatsoever"), making sure one of us has some cash, and letting our kids know where we're headed, just in case.

That is how we ended up time-travelling back to the gilded age in America, spending two August nights at Great Camp Sagamore, and how I learned about "witness trees." Sagamore was one of three Great Camps designed, built and completed in 1897 by William West Durant, a wealthy and well-travelled American with a passion for the unspoiled wilderness of the Adirondack Mountains of New York. In 1901, money troubles forced Durant to sell, and Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt snapped it up. Vanderbilt proceeded to create a self-sufficient, though not quite sustainable, outdoorsmen's getaway for his pals on the site. His nearest neighbour in that vast forest was J. P. Morgan (no joke!). I wonder if they could hear one another's parties on a still night?

Vanderbilt met his end in 1915 with the sinking of the RMS Lusitania. His wife, society hostess and gameswoman, Margaret Emerson, was not along for that voyage but shared her husband's vision. Great Camp Sagamore remains quite a spot thanks to her. Our room was in the wing where the servants of the widow Vanderbilt's guests stayed, a room with no view to speak of, and a shared washroom. At 8 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. the dinner bell tolled and we joined 50 or so Great Camp enthusiasts for a communal meal in a magnificent timber framed hall under the glassy gaze of bear, buffalo, deer and some very big stuffed fish. Sagamore is now a charitable foundation devoted to stewardship of the land, environmental education and preservation and staffed by international students wearing COVID-safe masks, except at mealtimes, when their youthful energy shone brightly in our vast sea of grey heads, (we couldn't help but think, with mild horror, the scene foreshadowed future dining hall meals among aged peers! A dreadful thought indeed).

From dinner, it was off to the library to snuggle up with a good book. The Camp's entire book collection was all about the romance and mystery of the Adirondacks, and each volume appeared to have been gifted from the personal libraries of Sagamore-lovers. That's where I learned about witness trees. The haves had it very good in the Gilded Age, but under that veneer, there was corruption, inequity, poverty and environmental destruction in the name of economic progress. Pristine lands were surveyed, rail lines laid into forests to log them out, property claimed, bought and sold, and fortunes made. Rich men built Great Camps, and when the trees were gone, the industrial machine looked North to Ontario and Quebec for more. Hacking their way through the forest to divide it up, surveyors hammered in stakes, but they also marked and recorded details on the nearest tree. Mother Nature has a way of burying things in the woods, and what better way to find a stake than to look for a tall tree? The documentation of these witness trees comprises a remarkable and thorough picture of the pre-colonization forests of the Adirondack Mountains, their varieties and the forest canopy.

The other day, I was chatting with some friends at Rails End Gallery after work, telling them about my discovery of the term witness tree. We got to talking about the interaction of purpose, passion and skill and the sweet spot that exists where they overlap. "Like a Venn diagram," said someone. "I know what you mean, exactly," said another. "That would be a great name for a band."

And, that's when I knew I was glad to be home.

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**Thursdays**: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend.
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**Fridays:** Meat draw has five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC.
Friday fun darts from 4:30 p.m. and onwards.
**Saturdays:** 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw – tickets are $1 each available in the Clubroom.

*Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571, email rcll129@outlook.com or visit haliburtonlegion.com. Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129 ... everyone is welcome!*

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# Preparing your garden for next spring

**MAUREEN MOORE**
*Haliburton County Master Gardener*

A thick layer of leaf mulch provides many benefits. /Submitted by Maureen Moore

September is a month of mixed emotions for gardeners. While we are still enjoying summer-like weather and reaping the harvest of all the hard work we have done over the summer, we know that winter is just around the corner. It's not quite time to hang up your trowel yet, and the steps that you take now will help to ensure a successful growing season next year.

## Have your soil tested

Now is the time to have your soil tested. Plants have been taking nutrients out of the soil all summer, and the levels of macro-nutrients (nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium, sulphur, calcium, magnesium) and micro-nutrients (boron, copper, chloride, iron, manganese, molybdenum nickel and zinc) will be at their lowest levels of the year.

If you test now, you will be able to decide which amendments you need to prepare for next year. Rather than adding substances you don't need in a premixed fertilizer, a soil test will tell you what you need to maximize fertility in your soil.

Home testing kits such as the Luster Rapitest Soil Test kit are adequate for testing the nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, but anyone wishing to have a complete lab test done can use one of the labs listed on the OMAFRA website at omafra.gov.on.ca/english/crops/resource/soillabs.htmnformation sheet Accredited Soil Testing Laboratories in Ontario).

## Weed and Remove Dead Plants

Most gardeners are tired of weeding by the end of the summer, but be sure your garden is completely weed free. Any weeds you leave in the garden in the fall will drop seeds and grow next spring, with some weed seeds remaining viable for up to 20 years. Remove dead plants from the garden. If the plants were healthy during the growing season, they can be composted. If they showed any sign of disease, they should be burned.

## Prune and cut back where appropriate

There is no simple answer as to which plants should be pruned in the fall. If you are unsure, check with a nursery or reputable online source for Zone 4 pruning. A few pointers include:

- Woody herbs such as sage, rosemary and thyme, can be cut back after the first hard frost
- Raspberries should not be pruned in the fall, as recent research shows that the canes continue to build up nutrients that will help sustain them through the winter
- Common garden plants that may be cut back in the fall include: bearded Iris, bee balm, phlox, lilies, catmint, columbine, daylilies, peonies, salvia, Soloman's seal, yarrow, hostas, astilbe

## Adjust the Size of your Garden

Think about the size of you garden this year. Was it too small, too big or just right? If it was too much for you to manage, consider planting a fall cover crop like Italian rye grass or an oats/barley/peas mixture in the areas you will not be using next year. This will prevent the unused portion from being overgrown with weeds and will boost the nutrients.

If you plan to expand the garden, consider weeding the area thoroughly and laying down a layer of polyethylene silage tarp (available from Dubois Agrinovation). This product is specifically designed to restrict plant growth and is sturdy enough to be used for several years.

## Add manure or compost or other amendments

Once you have the results of your soil tests, add any amendments that are indicated. Unless your soil test shows that you have too much nitrogen, add manure or compost. Other simple

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Come on out to Head Lake Park in Haliburton on **Sunday, September 18th from 2-4 p.m.** for Abbey Retreat Centre's closing fundraising celebration for their annual Haliburton Highlands Challenge!

The afternoon will be filled with inspiring stories from past retreat participants and fundraisers, activities for kids, a drumming circle, and live music by Nick and Benton. Admission is free.

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For further information or to arrange for an invitation, please contact the HHHS Foundation at 705-457-1580 or foundation@hhhs.ca

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amendments include bone meal for low phosphorus and Sul-Po-Mag, wood ash or kelp for low potassium.

If purchasing prepared fertilizer remember the numbers indicate the amounts of different nutrients in order: N (nitrogen) P (phosphorus) K (potassium). The higher the number, the more concentrated the nutrient is in the fertilizer. For example, numbers on fertilizer listed as 20-5-5 has a four times higher concentration of nitrogen than phosphorus and potassium. Choose the fertilizer with the highest concentration of the nutrients you need.

## Gather Leaves and Mulch

Leaves provide a multitude of benefits to your garden. They are full of important trace minerals pulled up from deep in the earth by the trees' roots, encourage microbial activity, feed earthworms, loosen and aerate soil and suppress weed growth. The downside is that leaves draw nitrogen from the soil as they break down. This can be overcome by adding composted manure to the soil in the fall.

A thick layer of leaves also makes an attractive, natural looking mulch in flower gardens. While a trimmed flower bed gives a neat appearance, remember, the dead leaves and stalks will give bees and other beneficial insects a place to overwinter.

## Plant Garlic

Even though this year's gardening season is winding down, it is time to start planting for next year. Garlic bulbs should be planted in late October or early November in Zone 4. This will give the cloves a chance to put down sturdy roots before winter.

Once the bed is clear of weeds, work in amendments and plant the cloves point up 2 inches below the surface at least 6 inches apart with 18 inches between the rows. The garlic can be mulched with straw before the winter sets in to help protect the cloves from fluctuating temperatures.

Once your garlic is mulched, work in the garden is done for the year. Now it is time to sit back, take a rest and start planning for next year's garden.

*Haliburton County Master Gardeners is a volunteer organization that provides horticultural advice specific to Haliburton and surrounding regions. Have your gardening questions answered or schedule an onsite consultation at www.haliburtonmastergardener.ca.*

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# Community Events

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### Community Living Trent Highlands anniversary

When: Sept. 9 4:30 to 11:30p.m.
Where: Victoria Park Armoury, 210 Kent St. West, Lindsay
RSVP By Aug. 31, to Christine at cchristianson@clth.ca.

### Pregnancy Care & Family Support Centre Fall Fundraiser, Rhythm and Grace, The Duketow Family

When: Saturday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m.
Where: Lakeside Church, Park Street, Haliburton
What: Celtic-style Gospel songs, folk songs, and lively instrumentals with step-dancing. Free admission. An offering will be taken with all proceeds going to the Pregnancy Care Family Support Centre. Receipts will be mailed. For more information please call 705-457-4673

### Minden Rotary Charity Golf Tournament

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## *Roll with the changes*

August has come and gone far too fast, as it always does, and school buses are back on the roads.

When I was in school, I was never good with change.

I live in Ontario, and I resented change.

That's a bit of an oxymoron.

Each season felt like an entirely new world to get adjusted to: pulling out seasonal clothes, new classes at school, new teachers and classmates, a new summer job every July, new weather to aclimatize to.

**VIVIAN COLLINGS**
*County Life Staff*

As soon as I'd get adjusted to one season, another was already here.

Every January, I decided to hate winter, hide in, and hold out until it was over.

Every March, when the snow melted, I felt like I didn't enjoy winter enough.

Every June, when the sticky heat of summer hit, I dreaded the coming months of humidity and thunderstorm headaches.

And, every September, I felt like I had been cheated of enough time to freely enjoy the warmth.

So, I labelled myself as a hater of change.

"As soon as I'm able to be settled in one spot, I'll be good."

This year, I've realized that I'm actually not a hater of change.

I was a hater of the anxiety and pressure I felt that often comes along with change.

When I started this job as a reporter, I'll admit that I felt overwhelmed about going to multiple events a week, in places I had never been before, talking to people I had never met.

How was I going to cope with change every day?

Reporter or not, change can't be curated, controlled, or avoided.

It took me about a month to figure out that if I could change my mindset, I could change my reality.

Change is going to happen whether we accept it or not, so why not roll with it?

"I'm really enjoying going to new places and meeting new people all the time. What if I decide to see these nerves as excitement? What if change is actually really fun? How boring would life be if the same thing happened every single day," I thought.

Five months in to the job, the mindset is working.

I can't wait to head to my next assignment tomorrow. And the next day. And the day after that.

I get to experience new people and places everyday. How lucky am I?

The same mindset can be applied to season changes and all that comes along with them.

Going back to school this September could mean scary challenges, the sad ending of summer, and the inevitable approach of cold weather.

But, it could also mean an exciting environment, seeing old friends or meeting new ones, learning interesting new things, and pulling out your favourite sweaters for cold days.

You get to decide.

Each season can be equally as beautiful and fun as the last, or it can be a scary new thing that we need to "get used to."

You get to decide.

## Top 10 failed medical procedures

MODERN MEDICINE is a marvel. There is virtually nothing our medical professionals cannot try to fix. But it wasn't always this way. There was a time when doctors were pioneering techniques. Some made it. Some didn't. Here are the top 10 of the latter.

1. The Toot Canal. It was supposed to cure flatulence, but it just re-routed it.
2. Typo-suction. A painful technique meant to fix spelling errors on tattoos.
3. Elective Surgery: Something that is only still attempted by Donald Trump.

**STEVE GALEA**
Humour Columnist

4. Mental implants: The doctor prescribed the patient a couple of good books and asks them for book reports.
5. Appendix removal: They remove the back part of the books they asked you to read.
6. Menace elbow surgery, A procedure in which elbow pads are placed upon an excited, gangly patient.
7. Cologne-oscopy: A procedure where the doctor does anything he can to hide your cheap cologne.
8. Digital exam: When the doctor tests you on how well you use all your electronic devices.
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## Fresh green forest

Parenting's a challenge, testing primal give and take
Firstborn is IKEA: doing right, or stress mistake?
Care can solve confusion if a heart is lodged in love
Nature uses instinct, teaching steps from wide above

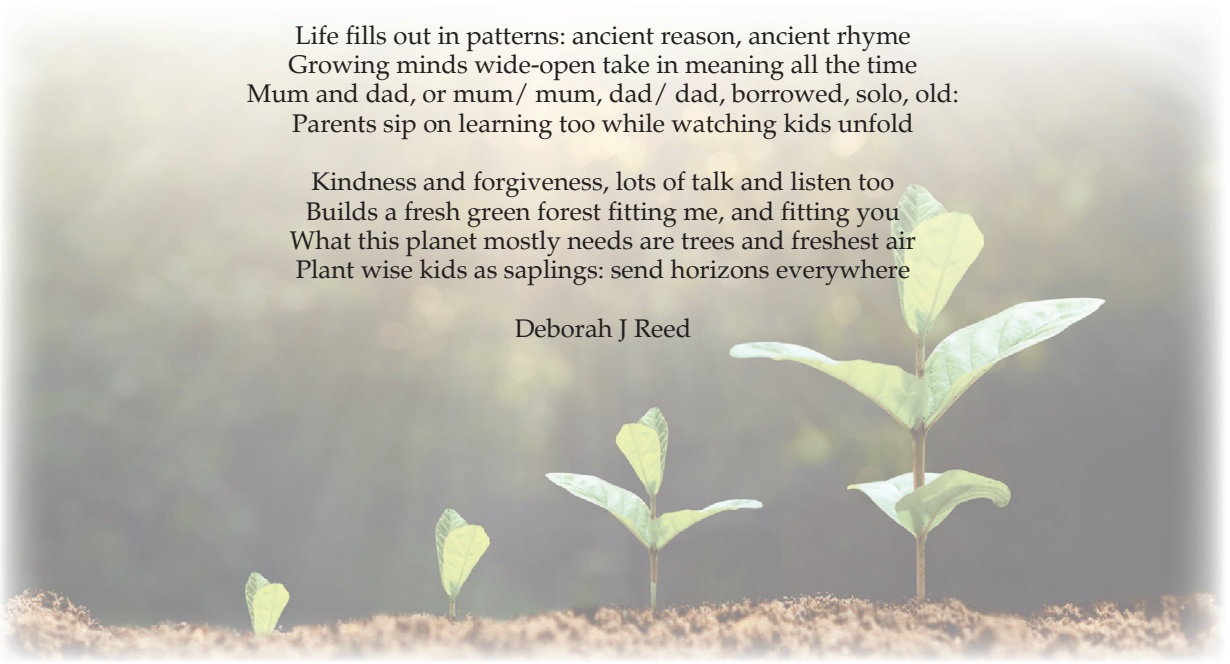
Hardest is comparing, watching others raise a brood
Managing dynamics, self, when others are in feud
Using fear with courage, moving forward patiently
Knowing kids are watching, thinking, shifting constantly

Best news for your babies are your smiles and gentle touch
Steady, soothing voice tells tots you value them so much
They'll pick up their safety, and to whom their heart belongs
As they navigate next years, when scared or sad: your songs

Life fills out in patterns: ancient reason, ancient rhyme
Growing minds wide-open take in meaning all the time
Mum and dad, or mum/ mum, dad/ dad, borrowed, solo, old:
Parents sip on learning too while watching kids unfold

Kindness and forgiveness, lots of talk and listen too
Builds a fresh green forest fitting me, and fitting you
What this planet mostly needs are trees and freshest air
Plant wise kids as saplings: send horizons everywhere

Deborah J Reed



# Hot tub

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*This is part two of two.*

One weekend my cousin, Marlene, visited with me. We jogged together and then put on our bathing suits and enjoyed the hot tub. Well, kind of, until there was a knock at the door.

"Mind if I come in?" asked Bill.

"Sure," I responded, Marlene giving me a nod.

Bill sat on a chair and just chatted with us about this and that.

The following weekend, I was up on my own again. I greeted Bill on Saturday morning, as usual.

"I'm going for a jog and then I'll be going into the hot tub."

"Mind if I join you?"

"Sorry?" I asked.

"Mind if I join you?" he asked, repeating his question.

I hadn't seen this coming. What was I thinking?

"And I usually go in naked."

This was way too much information for me.

"I'll let you know after my run," I managed to reply.

Jogging always helped me free up my mind giving me space and time to explore my thoughts.

"I'm free and independent. With regards to clothing, I've always loved 'skinny' dipping in the lake and I did it in France on the beach in Biarritz. Nudity tied to sex is a North American concept ... but I'm in North America, and I'm sure Bill has sex in mind. After all he's just a country hick."

Upon my return, I knocked on Bill's door.

"I'm going into the hot tub, and you can join me if you want."

I took off my jogging attire and slipped into my white terry bathrobe – naked underneath. I slipped on my big boots, walked up the stairs and opened the screen door. Bill arrived on the scene wearing his blue terry bathrobe and holding two glasses of wine. I can't honestly remember where I focused my eyes when he disrobed and immersed or what we chatted about. I do remember his question: "Can I kiss you?"

Bill and I were pretty happy to share some feelings of intimacy. It gave us both what we needed for the short term. I even pulled out my book on Kama Sutra one afternoon and explored ideas of what would be good sex for me in the yoga tantric tradition. When I shared the book with Bill, he couldn't believe the graphic illustrations.

"Where can I get a copy?" he asked with enthusiasm.

"Oh, probably Chapters should have one."

That afternoon he drove from Haliburton to Lindsay, a good hour and a half drive to pick up a copy.

I was ready to move on, to find a permanent home for me and my hot tub. That spring, I met Lee, the real estate agent, in Head Lake Park in the town of Haliburton. We joined together in a circle practicing the Chinese system of coordinated movements, breathing, and meditation used for improved health, Qi Gong. After we began to chat. I felt an immediate bond. Once again the universe opened up to me.

"I wouldn't mind looking at cottages, Lee."

Spring, summer and fall, Lee took me around, showing me a variety of places always adding the following question to each place:

"Barb, do you think this cottage would be good for your hot tub?"

It took until fall was turning into winter that I purchased a "home for my hot tub." One frigid wintry Saturday morning, I drove into Haliburton. I liked 'going to town' as the locals say, and did this fairly regularly. I parked my car and began my sojourn by browsing through the Ethel Curry Art Gallery. It houses a most complete collection of local art by local artists. It followed by my visit to the second-hand store where everything was a bargain. I got a pair of jeans for just three dollars. After, I went across the road to the local grocery store and got a good cup of coffee from the automated machine for just 50 cents. It was cold and crisp outside with a beautiful clear blue sky where I enjoyed sipping my coffee and chatting off and on to the locals. After, I went to the "five and dime" store to get my regular sweet treat, a licorice cigar. Eating my treat, I just strolled along the main street and stopped to glance in the window of one of the local real estate offices.

"Eagle Lake, a cottage on Eagle Lake!" I feel excited.

That's the beautiful lake with the islands that flows into Moose Lake, the lake I knew from my camp days.

"Can you tell me about the cottage listing on Eagle Lake?" I asked the agent, waking her up out of her winter slumber.

"It's a great place. It's just that some people don't want to walk 500 yards down the cottage road to get to it. Do you know where it is?"

"You bet. Can you give me the listing because I'd like to see it."

Chanukah, 2001, I surprised my family, my daughters and my mother and father.

"Guess what I bought?"... and not waiting for them to guess, answered, "a cottage."

"You bought a cottage? Where? When? How?"

January, 2002, I took possession of the cottage on Eagle Lake.

"You've got the view," the former owner said.

I added, "It's spectacular and my hot tub will be great on the lower deck!"

I emptied the hot tub from Bill's place, rolled it down the steps and hoisted onto the roof of my Beast. I was glad Bill wasn't there. I needed to do this myself, the last leg of the hot tub's journey, my journey up to now. I just had to drive 30 minutes. I arrived at the top of the steep narrow cottage road that was snow covered and inaccessible to cars in winter. I parked at the top of the hill, unfastened the hot tub, and rolled it all the way down to the cottage and onto the lower deck. I filled it, plugged in the port-a-pack heating unit and waited 48 hours for the temperature to reach 30 degrees.

It's sunrise as I slip into the hot tub. I sip in the first rays of sunlight cast on the hills that divide the lake in two; mist rises as in the song "from the hills, from the lake – all is well," my eyes are drawn to the small island, a jewel studded with rocks and evergreens. It's all smoky and mysterious in the distant narrows that separates Eagle Lake from the adjoining Moose Lake. The large white birch on the right and the elm on the right, now visible, frame the island. The birds rejoice with me in the celebration of the moment of sunrise. The sun sends beams of light to me as if to say, "Barb, if you're open, the universe will offer up exactly what you need."

# Nature in your backyard

*County Life* welcomes photo submissions depicting life in the Highlands. Email darren@ haliburtonpress.com. Please ensure images are high resolution - 200 dpi, 10 inches at its longest edge.

As if in a studio for its portrait, a turkey is isolated by the light by the skill of area photographer Tammy Nash.

Len Pizzey captured this monarch at Head Lake Park in Haliburton.

Eleven newly-hatched snapping turtles were found on the Haliburton County Rail Trail and safely taken to the shore of a nearby wetland. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

A foggy evening on a Highlands' road. Submitted by Tammy NashNash.

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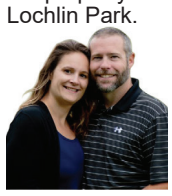

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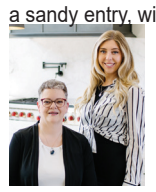

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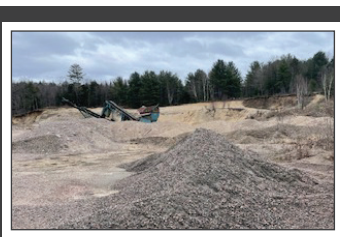

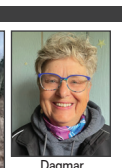

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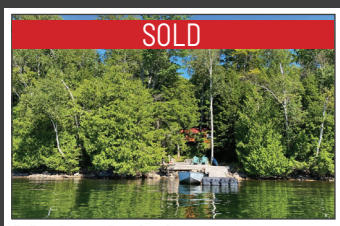

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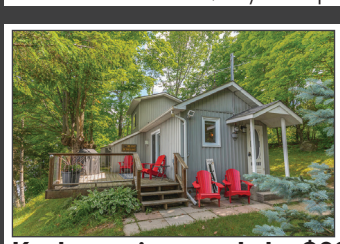

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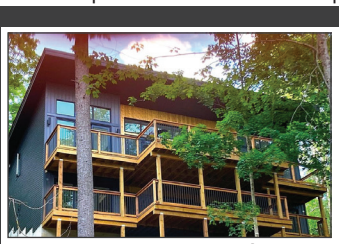

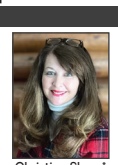

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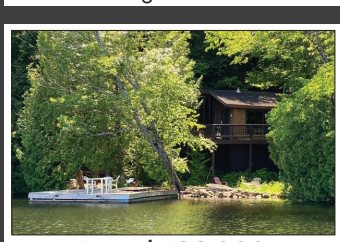

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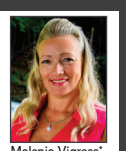

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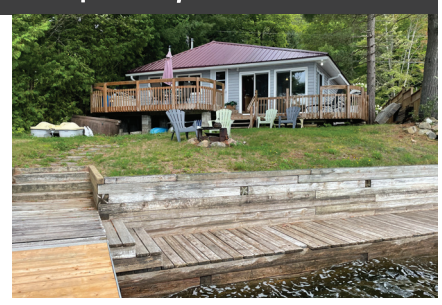

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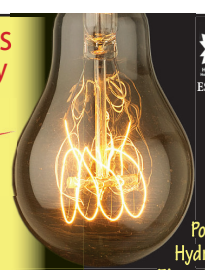

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*Municipal government restructuring*

## Road report identifies few savings

by Jerry Grozelle

County council appears to have rejected the idea of one tier government.

A report submitted by municipal and county roads superintendents showed a total overall saving of only $178,000 to be gained in a one tier system of municipal government. That figure didn't take into account the capital costs that would be incurred changing the system from 11 departments to one. The economic benefits of a one tier government appear to be overshadowed by the costs of implementation.

Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey said that one tier government has been rejected "in principle", although he refused to say that it was completely out of the question.

"Servicing is the big problem," Fearrey said. "We have a small population in a big area."

During the County Council discussion, Fearrey handed out a copy of an editorial from the *Peterborough Examiner* which outlined Northumberland County's proposal to streamline its operations.

Under Northumberland's plan: council size would be reduced to five to eight councillors through the implementation of a ward system, with one representative per ward, rather that the current system of two representatives for most municipalities; core services would be restricted to supervision of road standards; the provision and maintenance of waste management services.

Other services which are mandated by the province would be operated separately, under the scrutiny of a management board comprised of three to five county council members.

The County would act as a facilitator only, for the co-ordination of

*(more on page 7)*

## Annual Terry Fox run

**FIRST OFF THE MARK:** Beating the rush, these participants in the Minden Terry Fox Run were on hand for the start of the fund raiser shortly after 8 o'clock Sunday morning. There were many more to follow as young and old, cyclists, runners, walkers and children in strollers took part in the event. Preliminary figures showed that over 75 people took part. As of press time, just over $4000 had been raised in Minden. A similar event was held in Haliburton Village. Final figures for the local efforts will be published in next week's edition

*No easy task*

## Revamping county children's services

by Jerry Grozelle

"Needless to say, the meeting didn't go well," Eleanor Harrison reported to County Council at its regular meeting September 18.

Stanhope Deputy Reeve Harrison is Haliburton County Council's representative on the Family Services Board. She was reporting on a meeting September 12 between the board, Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS) representatives and other stakeholders.

Lynn Bullard, area manager of the MCSS office was the first to speak at the September 12 meeting. Harrison said her comments were positive. Bullard stressed the government's position on restructuring and added that the Family Services Board met the criteria the government is looking for, which includes a single transfer agency and one governance body to provide with easier access for clients.

The next speaker at the meeting, Harrison said, was Bob Penny of the Children's Aid Society (CAS). He indicated that the CAS is willing to work with the Family Services Board in any way possible to make it work.

"He also stressed the document each of the divesting agencies signed following Bark Lake was binding and should be adhered to," Harrison said. "The ministry representatives were not certain how binding that document actually was.

"From there, the meeting went down hill rather quickly," Harrison continued. "The other three divesting agencies, SIRCH, SAC and Kinark, felt that many circumstances had changed since Bark Lake (a reference to a conference five or six years ago) and divesting of services was no longer necessary. The agencies feel they are working much more closely with each other now and will continue to do so in the future."

Harrison qualified the last statement by adding that the closer relationship was directly attributed to the new Board.

"'Collaborative partnerships' with other agencies was a phrase that was thrown around quite a lot," Harrison said.

She said that the divesting agencies were apprehensive about taking over Child Welfare, but now that the Board has been denied its request to administer Child Welfare, they seem to think there is no need to amalgamate.

"Fellow board members Lon (Duncombe), Frances (Adams) and myself tried to stress that Haliburton County may never be given this chance again," Harrison said."A great deal of money had been spent getting this far.

"If the Task Force or some other group is sent in to study Family Services in this county, who knows what will happen?" she added. "If the Family Services Board continues, at least we would be the masters of our own destiny, so to speak.

"Our Board is very much afraid that Family Services in Haliburton County could be governed by a much larger board from a larger area, with very little local representation," Harrison continued, adding, "The representatives from the Ministry did not deny that this very thing could happen."

Harrison told council that the FSB is ready to hire an executive director who is experienced in child welfare, and is prepared to move forward as quickly as possible with amalgamation in the hope of retaining as much local input as possible.

"We had hoped to be operational by 1997 budget time," she said. "However, the divesting agencies are definitely not co-operating in this regard. A consensus could not be reached and the decision of what happens to the FSB is now in Lynn Bullard's hands.

"Lon, Frances and myself were devastated, as were most of our Board members. The agencies who created us are now having second thoughts as to why we exist."

Harrison said that the agencies seem to be working toward an "enhanced status quo."

She wondered if such an enhanced status quo would meet the ministry's criteria for delivery of Family Services in Haliburton County and if it would meet the community and client needs in the future.

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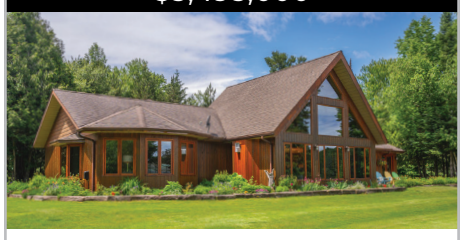

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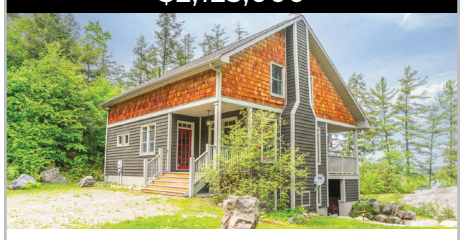

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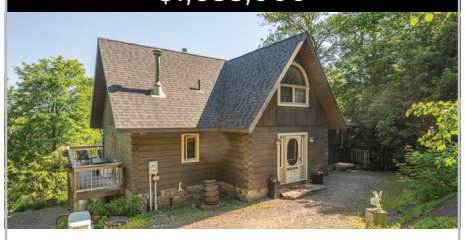

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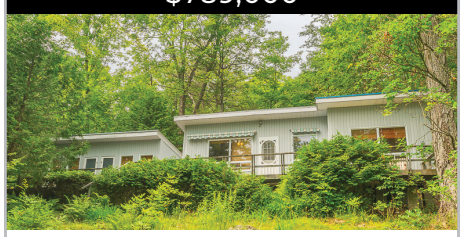

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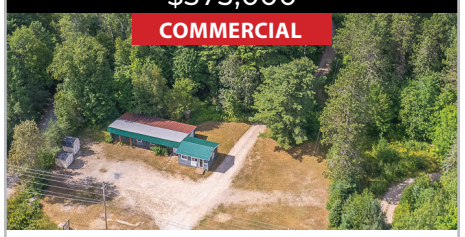

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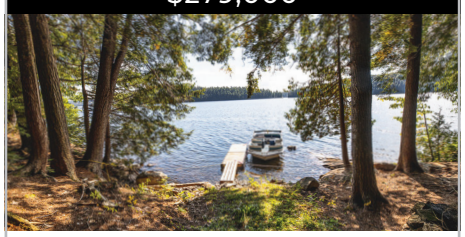

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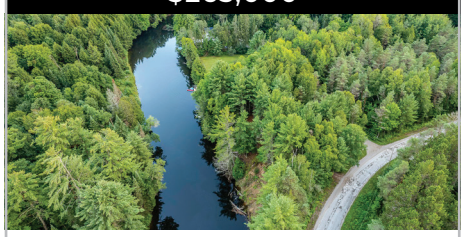

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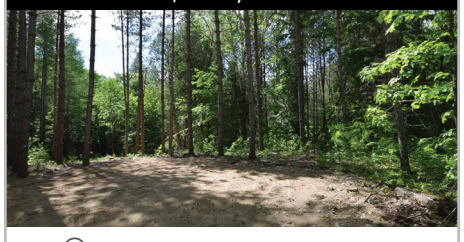

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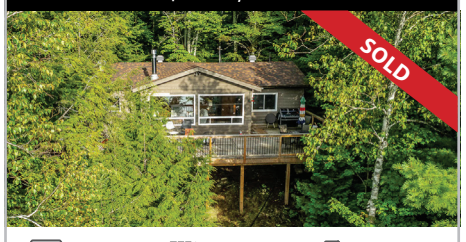

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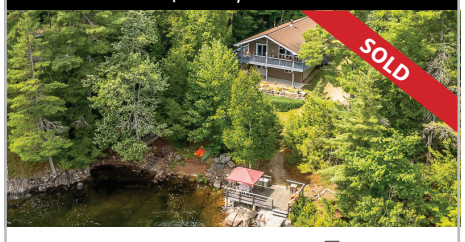

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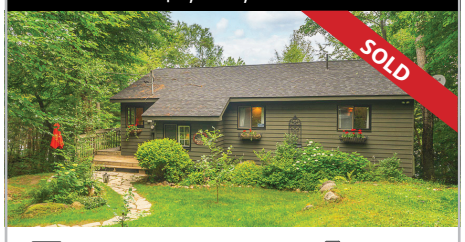

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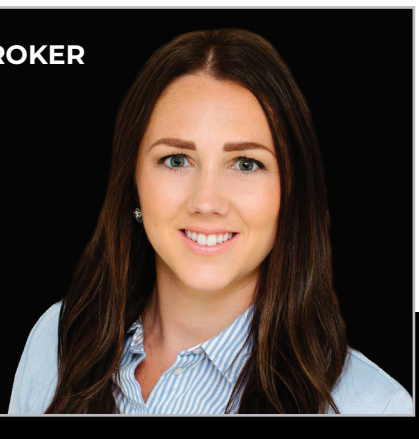

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